

# Quiz 1

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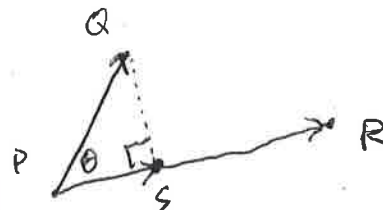
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1. The diagram shows the vectors  $\vec{PQ} = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{PR} = \langle 5, 2 \rangle$ . The angle between them is  $\theta$ . The vector  $\vec{PS}$  is the vector projection of  $\vec{PQ}$  onto  $\vec{PR}$ .

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a) Find  $\cos \theta$ .

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{PR}}{|\vec{PQ}| |\vec{PR}|} = \frac{1 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 2}{\sqrt{10} \sqrt{29}} = \frac{11}{\sqrt{10} \sqrt{29}}$$



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b) Find the number  $|\vec{PS}|$ .

$$|\vec{PS}| = |\vec{PQ}| \cos \theta = \sqrt{10} \cdot \left( \frac{11}{\sqrt{10} \sqrt{29}} \right) = \frac{11}{\sqrt{29}}$$

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c) Find a unit vector (i.e., a vector with magnitude 1) which points in the same direction as  $\vec{PR}$ .

$$\text{A unit vector in the direction of } \vec{PR} \text{ is } \vec{u} = \frac{\vec{PR}}{|\vec{PR}|} = \frac{\langle 5, 2 \rangle}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} \right\rangle$$

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d) Find the vector  $\vec{PS}$ .

$\vec{PS}$  is in the same direction as the unit vector  $\vec{u}$  from part c)

and has length  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{29}}$ , so it equals  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{29}} \vec{u}$ , or  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{29}} \left\langle \frac{5}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} \right\rangle =$

[4] 2. Let  $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ . Find  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ , showing your work.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(0 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 1) - \vec{j}(3 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 1) + \vec{k}(3 \cdot (-2) - 0 \cdot 1) \\ &= 2\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 6\vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{55}{29}, \frac{22}{29} \right\rangle$$